



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 6879**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE MERCURY REDUCTION PROVISIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 22a-613 of the general statutes is amended by  
2       adding subdivision (13) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3       (NEW) (13) "Button cell battery" does not mean a silver oxide watch  
4       battery.

5       Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22a-617 of the general statutes is  
6       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
7       *1, 2005*):

8       (a) Except as provided in section 22a-618, except for products that  
9       contain a mercury-containing lamp used for backlighting that cannot  
10      feasibly be removed by the purchaser and except for [specialized  
11      lighting used in the entertainment industry such as metal halide lights]  
12      high intensity discharge lamps containing more than one hundred  
13      milligrams of mercury including metal halide lamps, mercury vapor  
14      lamps, mercury capillary lamps, mercury-xenon short-arc lamps and  
15      mercury short-arc lamps, no person shall offer for sale or distribute for  
16      promotional purposes any mercury-added product if: (1) After July 1,  
17      2004, the mercury content of the product exceeds one gram in the case  
18      of fabricated mercury-added products or two hundred fifty parts per

19 million in the case of formulated mercury-added products; and (2) on  
20 and after July 1, 2006, the mercury content of the product exceeds one  
21 hundred milligrams in the case of fabricated mercury-added products  
22 or fifty parts per million in the case of formulated mercury-added  
23 products.

24 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 22a-619 of the general statutes is  
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
26 *1, 2005*):

27 (g) (1) Manufacturers shall meet all the requirements of this section  
28 for large appliances, including, but not limited to, washers, dryers,  
29 ovens, including microwave ovens, refrigerators, air conditioners,  
30 dehumidifiers or portable heaters sold in a store where such appliance  
31 is on display, except that no package labeling shall be required; (2)  
32 manufacturers shall meet all the requirements of this section for  
33 mercury fever thermometers, except that no product labeling shall be  
34 required; (3) in the case of vehicles, (A) manufacturers shall meet the  
35 product labeling requirements of this section for vehicles by placing a  
36 label on the doorpost of the vehicles that lists the mercury-added  
37 components that may be present in the vehicle, and (B) manufacturers  
38 shall not be required to label the mercury-added components of the  
39 vehicle; (4) manufacturers of products that contain a mercury-  
40 containing lamp used for backlighting that cannot feasibly be removed  
41 by the purchaser shall meet the product labeling requirements of this  
42 section by placing the label on the product or its care and use manual;  
43 (5) manufacturers [shall meet all the requirements of this section for  
44 button cell batteries containing mercury, except that no labeling shall  
45 be required] of button cell batteries containing mercury and products  
46 containing such batteries shall not be required to meet the  
47 requirements of this section; (6) [in the case of products that contain  
48 button cell batteries containing mercury as the only mercury  
49 components, manufacturers shall meet the packaging requirements of  
50 this section by including a label in the product instructions, if any, and  
51 on the packaging, and no further product labeling shall be required]  
52 manufacturers of luminaires shall meet the labeling requirements of

53 this section by providing information on their websites and in their  
 54 catalogs; (7) manufacturers of fluorescent lights and high-intensity  
 55 discharge lamps shall meet the labeling requirements of this section by  
 56 labeling the product packaging; and (8) manufacturers of medical  
 57 equipment not intended for use by nonmedical personnel are exempt  
 58 from this section.

59 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 22a-620 of the general statutes is  
 60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 61 *1, 2005*):

62 (f) The following are exempt from the provisions of this section: (1)  
 63 Formulated mercury-added products intended to be consumed in use,  
 64 including, but not limited to, reagents, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and  
 65 other laboratory chemicals; (2) fabricated mercury-containing products  
 66 where the only mercury is contained in a component that cannot  
 67 feasibly be removed by the purchaser including, but not limited to,  
 68 electronic products whose only mercury-added component is a  
 69 mercury-containing lamp used for backlighting provided such  
 70 manufacturer or trade association maintains a web-based service to  
 71 provide information on recycling and safe disposal of such products;  
 72 (3) photographic film and paper; (4) a manufacturer or trade  
 73 association of mercury-containing lamps that maintains a toll-free  
 74 telephone number and an Internet-based service to provide  
 75 information on recycling and safe disposal of such lamps and directs  
 76 consumers to such telephone number and service on any statutorily-  
 77 required package label; (5) button cell batteries containing mercury  
 78 and products containing such batteries; and [(5)] (6) any other product  
 79 for which the commissioner determines a collection plan is not  
 80 feasible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-613
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-617(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-619(g)

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-620(f)
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